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REMARKS

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- 25X1 1. From 7 to 24 November 1951, the Nachrichten Kaserne in Chemnitz-Ebersdorf (N 51/K 66) was partly occupied by a unit of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Only about one third of the windows of the installation were lighted on the evening of 19 November. A German craftsman who worked in the billeting area stated that the western section of the installation quartered about 250 troops with trucks. Eighty soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in rifle drill on 24 November. All trucks seen at the installation were operated by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.
- 25X1 2. From 7 to 24 November, the Artillerie Kaserne, Ebersdorf, quartered a unit of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 900 unarmed troops assembled in nine units of about 100 men each on 7 November. German craftsmen working in the installation said that from 1,000 to 1,200 troops with 75-mm AT guns and 50 Russian women were stationed there. A unit of 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, and carrying rifles left the installation on 10 November. The unit subsequently engaged in field training at the drill ground. About 80 soldiers practiced with three AT guns in the billeting area on 15 November. About 150 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen drilling in the barracks yard on 24 November, while about 80 soldiers also wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched out of the installation. Vehicles observed in the installation were operated by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Seventeen other vehicles observed
- 25X1 3. On 13 November, ammunition was hauled to the Chemnitz main railroad station on trucks operated by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The ammunition in one ammunition trailer was subsequently loaded in four boxcars. (2)
- 25X1 4. On 29 October, source learned that the guard personnel in the quarters on Rossmarienstrasse had been relieved by a guard detail of soldiers from the Artillerie Kaserne on Leninstrasse. The soldiers of the latter detail wore black-bordered

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25X1 5. On 14 November, the Infanterie Kaserne and the Artillerie Kaserne on Leninstrasse were occupied by about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. A unit of 110 soldiers carrying rifles and light machine guns were seen marching into the Artillerie Kaserne. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] Comments.

25X1 (1) The identity of the units in the barracks installations in Chemnitz-Obersdorf cannot be determined on the basis of the information. The vehicles observed there belong to the 6th Gds AAA Div, headquarters units of the First Gds Mecz Army and the COEF. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] No vehicles belong to the 19th Gds Mecz Regt of the 5th Gds Mecz Div which was previously transferred to Leipzig-Schoenau. [redacted]

25X1 (2) The trucks belong to the 6th Gds AAA Div.

25X1 (3) The quarters belong to the restricted area at Siegmar-Schoenau, which was occupied by administrative and NVD units in July 1951. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] the relieving guard detail belonged to the NVD unit in the Artillery Kaserne on Leninstrasse.

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